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## Meet Dr. Clarke!

By EVANGELIST JOHN R. RICE

What readers of THE SWORD OF THE LORD is there who has not heard and sung the chorus of the beautiful little song, "Into My Heart" written by Harry D. Clarke, and sung around the world?

Into my heart, into my heart,  
Come into my heart, Lord Jesus.

Come in today; come in to stay

Come into my heart, Lord Jesus.

I have no doubt that thousands have found Christ through the singing of this chorus and the fine stanzas which go with it to make up the gospel song. Another of Harry Clarke's great choruses is "I Will Make You Fishers of Men." It was written at the request of Dr. R. A. Torrey once when he was speaking to 1800 ministers on this text in Matthew 4:19, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." And now that chorus has stirred the hearts of thousands to soul-winning. It is the song of the National Laymen's Evangelistic Association, the favorite of 'Fishermen's Clubs' and youth meetings, and is used in many countries.

I will make you fishers of men,  
Fishers of men, fishers of men.

I will make you fishers of men

If you follow me.

If you follow me, if you follow me.

I will make you fishers of men

If you follow me.

Another sweet and comforting chorus, written by Dr. Clarke is:

He careth for you,  
He careth for you.

Through sunshine and shadow,  
He careth for you!

The gospel song, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ" has been published in Tabernacle Publishing Company books for many years, and my, how a great crowd sings it, under Harry Clarke's leading! Many other songs and choruses are used by multitudes

which were written by this famous song leader.

In my judgment, the wonderful melody put to John 3:16 by Dr. Clarke, in majestic and tremendous music, is about the most satisfying of all the music I have ever heard put to these immortal and divinely-inspired words.

The little chorus, "Open the Door," written in our recent Lima campaign, is likely to become famous and be wonderfully used of God, in my judgment.

### A Brief History

Dr. Clarke was born in Cardiff, Wales, early lost his father and had difficult years of poverty in his boyhood. He served with a fishing fleet and the merchant marine, and at last came to Canada and then to the United States, where he entered Moody Bible

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Dr. Harry D. Clarke

## GOD WILL DO RIGHT!

By EVANGELIST ROLFE BARNARD

(Preached at Bethel Baptist Church, Chicago, Illinois, March, 1946. Mechanically recorded for THE SWORD OF THE LORD)

We Christians are mighty anxious to defend God. But we cannot get anywhere in our efforts to win people to Christ unless we get it into our heads that whatever God does He will do right. I believe in a just God. The Bible pictures a God who will do right. If you go to Heaven, it will be because that is right. If you go to Hell, it will be because that is right. If you have a little better time in Heaven than the other fellow, it will be because that is right. If you have a little worse time in Hell than the other fellow, it will be because that is right. God will do right!

My text is in the eighteenth chapter of Genesis. It is taken out of that conversation between God and Abraham, relative to the destruction of the awful city of Sodom. You remember that God said, 'Well, I suppose I will just have to smite these awful cities off the face of the map. Their sins have come to be so terrible they cannot even mention Me in mixed company. I will just have to do away with them.' Then He said, 'Wait a minute! I ought not to do this without letting my friend Abraham know about it. I can count on him. He has assumed the God-given responsibility of bringing his wife and children up in the knowledge and admonition of God Almighty. I know that his wife and all his children will keep the commandments of the Lord and walk in His ways, and I can afford to trust a man like that.'

So God takes into His confidence His friend, Abraham. He said 'Abraham, I am going to have to destroy these cities and everybody in them.'

Abraham said, 'Lord, You

wouldn't destroy the righteous with the wicked would You? You wouldn't rain fire and brimstone out of Heaven and destroy the saved with the wicked down there in Sodom, would You? My nephew is down there, and he is a Christian. He has been living there quite a while; Lord, surely he has won fifty people for You since he has been there. You



Rev. Rolfe Barnard

wouldn't destroy the righteous with the wicked, would You? You wouldn't rain fire and brimstone out of Heaven and destroy the saved with the wicked down there in Sodom, would You? My nephew is down there and he is a Christian. He has been living there quite a while; Lord, surely he has won fifty people for You since he has been there. You wouldn't destroy it if there were fifty saved people there, would You?

God said, 'No, I wouldn't.'

You remember the conversation. Abraham just kept dwindling down, and God kept putting the number down a little lower. Finally, He opened the windows of Heaven and rained down fire and brimstone and utterly destroyed the cities.

In that conversation Abraham sort of remonstrated with God, and in the last part of verse 25 he said, 'Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?' Actually, he was saying, 'You are not going to destroy the righteous with the wicked, are You? That wouldn't be right.' He did not say, 'Now, listen here, Lord, You can't do what You are up to!' No, he just said, 'Whatever You do will be right.'

So many people are afraid God will not do right. Many people have written books trying to defend God. Many people have decided we must get rid of one part of the Bible, or another part of the Bible, or this doctrine or that doctrine, because, as we understand it, we may embarrass God. We are afraid He will not do right about something. I want us to get it fixed firmly in our hearts (Continued on Page 5)

## Helping Jesus Get a Man Saved

By EVANGELIST JOHN R. RICE, Editor

(Preached at Evansville Rescue Mission, Evansville, Indiana, December 29, 1946. Mechanically recorded for THE SWORD OF THE LORD)

"And again he entered into Capernaum after some days; and it was noised that he was in the house. And straightway many were gathered together, insomuch that there was no room to receive them, no, not so much as about the door: and he preached the word unto them. And they came unto him, bringing one sick of the palsy, which was borne of four. And when they could not come nigh unto him for the press, they uncovered the roof where he was: and when they had broken it up, they let down the bed wherein the sick of the palsy lay. When Jesus saw their faith, he said unto the sick of the palsy, Son, thy sins be forgiven thee. But there were certain of the scribes sitting there, and reasoning in their hearts, Why doth this man thus speak blasphemies? who can forgive sins but God only? And immediately when Jesus perceived in his spirit that they so reasoned within themselves, he said unto them, Why reason ye these things in your hearts? Whether is it easier to say to the sick of the palsy, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Arise, and take up thy bed, and walk? But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (he saith to the sick of the palsy,) I say unto thee, Arise, and take up thy bed, and go thy way into thine

house. And immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went forth before them all; insomuch that they were all amazed, and glorified God, saying, We never saw it on this fashion."—Mark 2:1-12.

There are eight things I have to say, if I have time, about helping Jesus get a man saved.

### Advertising for Jesus

The first thing I call your attention to is that it was noised abroad everywhere that Jesus was in the house. Jesus "entered into Capernaum after some days; and it was noised that he was in the house." I am for advertising Jesus, and that is the first thing they did. Somebody says, "I don't like a big stew." I do. The bigger the stew you can have in this town for Jesus, the better I am going to like it. "It was noised that he was in the house." Everybody went about saying, 'Say, you ought to hear Jesus! He is up there at a man's house now. If you will hurry you may be able to get in the front yard.' And it was noised everywhere that Jesus was in the town.

I am for paid advertising. I am for handbills. But whether or no,

we must get the word out that Jesus is in town. We ought to say, "We are going to spread the news, we are going to get the crowds; we are going to tell it everywhere." Listen! You can help get the word out and help get people to Jesus. Anywhere Christians get lost people out to hear the gospel, a lot of them get saved. By God's grace, we can get them. You can do it! You can get your friends and neighbors. Have them over to your house for supper, then say, "We are all going to hear Dr. Rice preach and Dr. Clarke sing; we are going to have another revival." Let us noise it abroad that Jesus is in the house.

Will you help me? Do you see that is right? Listen, aren't you a little ashamed, you old seat-warmers who come down here, you long-time-attenders at the mission—aren't you ashamed that there are other people who have not heard the gospel here at the mission? Why don't you get them in? I know you would much rather I talked on the tabernacle and the priesthood and the mark (Continued on Page 2)

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### Evangelist F. A. Wirth

Brother Wirth writes: "I closed a two weeks' meeting in The Friends Church, Jamestown, Ohio, last Sunday. God gave us a real meeting that shook the whole community with the power of the Holy Spirit. Sinners were unable to sleep; others were deeply moved. One man was at the point of taking his own life because of such heavy conviction. The church was about full every night despite the heavy snow and zero weather. Brother James, the pastor, reports twenty-nine came forward for salvation and about fifty to renew their vows with God. We had the blessed privilege of speaking to the (Continued on Page 7)



## Helping Jesus Get a Man Saved

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of the beast and all kinds of beautiful things, but I am telling you what you really need. Let us noise it abroad and get the crowds out here to hear the gospel and get somebody converted.

"It was noised that he was in the house," and then they got a crowd. You say, "Well, if Jesus is there, you will have people saved." You will not, not unless somebody noises it abroad. We have the same Saviour people have ever had. I am for crowds. Some say that they are not for big numbers. I am. They had a big number at Pentecost. Others are not for counting converts. Well, Peter and James and John were; they counted three thousand. They had trouble counting. There were so many converted and more were saved after they got to counting up, so they said "about three thousand."

I do not mind when great crowds go to football games. When I played football they came to see me play, too. I do not mind if great crowds go to basketball games. I am not wanting to say mean things about people. But I am a little jealous for Jesus. Do not God's people care as much as the Devils people care? Why do we not get out and get a crowd? There is a big crowd out here at a ball game. Sure there is! Somebody spent \$3,000 advertising in the newspapers, on the radio, etc. Somebody worked for a crowd. Why don't you work for one for Jesus? Let us get the crowds!

Do you want to honor God? Fine. We wish we could give lots of money for missionary work. But God is not so much interested in our money. He is not broke. Of course we ought to give our money because we owe it to God and because it is a token of love, but that is not even first. That is away down the line—far from the first thing God wants out of us. He wants us first of all to help Him get the gospel to sinners. Let us get a crowd for Jesus. You are not going to please God as long as you have here a little handful of people and as long as the world is getting the crowds. If the world can get people, we can get them, too. Let us spend enough money to get them; let us work hard enough to get them; let us advertise enough to get them; let us have the power of God on us enough to get them. They had a crowd in a man's house at Capernaum when Jesus was there. Great crowds came.

### Jesus Preached the Word of God

I want you to notice another thing: "And straightway many were gathered together, insomuch that there was no room to receive them, no, not so much as about the door; and he preached the word unto them." Jesus preached the Word. That certainly is a comfort. If Jesus had said, "I am going to talk with the tongues of angels today; I am going to tell you something nobody else can

ever tell you," I would be discouraged. Brother Clarke, if that were true, we had as well take down our sign. We cannot tell any mysteries; we do not know any. We cannot tell people what is going on in Heaven. We cannot tell some new revelation; we do not have it. But Jesus just preached the Word; and, praise the Lord, I can do that!

I have the same gospel that Jesus Christ preached. If he stood up here to preach, I would surely take a seat. I think I would say, "Jesus, if you do not mind, I will sit right here on the step to the platform—as close to You as I can get—and look up in Your face." But do you know what He would do? He would open the Bible and read some Scriptures or quote some Scriptures and preach the Word! It is wonderful to walk along in Jesus' footsteps and know that I have the same gospel to preach that He had. One who is converted under my preaching is as much converted as if he were converted under Jesus' preaching. He will get to Heaven just the same. It is going to be wonderful when I get to Heaven. Jesus will say, "Here are some of My converts." John the Baptist will say, "Here are some of mine." And I will say, "Here are some of mine." Of course the Lord does it all, but I preach the gospel and Jesus preached the gospel and John the Baptist preached the gospel. Jesus "preached the world unto them." Wonder-working, miracle-working Word of God! Let us bring the folks and preach the Word to them.

### Hard, Co-operative Work Is Required

"And they came unto him, bringing one sick of the palsy, which was borne of four." They not only noised it abroad that Jesus was in the house, but they also brought this man to Him. They got together and worked at it. They co-operated with Jesus. Pleasing God involves work. I do not believe in any kind of Christianity that does not involve work. A man is not a good Christian who does not work. Laziness is a sin. Laziness is a wicked sin! You can not be a good Christian without being a good workman. My Uncle George told me how a man came to ask him for work. He got out of a buggy and stood by and let Uncle George take out his horse. He did not unhook a tug, did not take a line out or anything else. Uncle George told him, "No, I do not need a man who stands here while I take out my own horse." Of course he was not getting paid for it, but there is something wrong with the man who will not work.

What is Christianity to you? Is it sitting on a nice seat? Is it putting a quarter in a collection plate? Is it singing songs? Phooey on that! The Pharisees had all of that. What is Christianity? This is a good example of it. These men said, "Here is a man who is an old sinner. He is sick with the palsy and the doctors cannot do anything for him. If we could just get him to Jesus He could heal him and save him. Let's take him, boys. What do you say?"

I imagine one of them said, "I can't carry him."

Another said, "I can't either, but let's both try."

"Well, he is a little heavy for two of us; let's get our neighbor Jones over here." They got four men together, picked him up and carried him to Jesus.

"Well, now isn't that a little extreme?" you ask. People talk about fanaticism, but what do you think of taking a sick man down the middle of the street? Someone inquired, "Where are you going, boys?"

"We're taking this man to see Jesus."

"My goodness! He will take his death of cold out here. You ought to leave him alone! Don't you suppose he has fever?"

"Well, we are going to take him to Jesus and get him fixed up."

Do you know what we ought to

do? We should say, "No matter what it costs, I am going to get people to Jesus."

One thing about union revival campaigns is that God's people get together. You will never have much revival until you get union in it, because until God's people can get together with each other they cannot get along with God very much. Until you Baptists get off your high horse and get to where you can work with a Presbyterian to keep some sinner out of Hell, you will never have the great revival you seek. One of the beautiful things about getting together people of Christian churches—the Methodists, Baptists, Presbyterians, Christian Missionary Alliance, Pentecostals, Reformed and the Evangelicals—is that four can carry a man when one cannot. All the groups of church people can bring influence to bear on a city that no one church can bring. It is wonderful to get people together for God. I am for cooperation in soul-winning.

A man down in Kentucky spent word, "Tell Brother Rice that being as good a Baptist as he is, I do not see how he can have union revival campaigns with all these different churches."

I sent word to that old hide-bound Baptist that I love sinners so much and love the Lord so much that I am not specially interested in whether a man calls himself Baptist or Methodist or anything else—just so he will help me get somebody to Jesus.

Four people can get somebody to Jesus when one cannot. If you who have unsaved friends will determine to work together at this, if you will make up your mind that you are going to cooperate with Jesus in soul-winning, then you can get them to the Lord. This man would never have gotten healed of the palsy, would never have had his sins forgiven if he had stayed at home, if he had never seen Jesus, never heard Jesus, never repented of his sins. But interested friends brought him to Jesus.

These days people say, "You can't get lost people to come to church." You can if you carry them! "Well, sinners just will not come to hear the gospel," somebody else says. Did you know that the Lord never told people to come to church and hear the gospel? Where in the Bible does it say that lost sinners are to go to a church and listen to the gospel? Give me chapter and verse where the Scripture says, "All you sinners go down to a church and sit there while they sing, 'Holy, Holy, Holy' and 'Gloria Patri' and stand at the right time and sit down at the right time." Come on; tell me where the Scripture is that says, "All you sinners go down to the church." No, no! The Scripture does not say anything like that. Jesus did not say, "You sinners come in here and force yourselves on the Christians and make them tell you how to be saved." That is not the way.

The Lord says, "You Christians go get the sinners. Go out in the highways and hedges and compel them to come in that My house

may be filled." You need not blame lost people for being lost. They are dead in trespasses and sins. When a doctor goes to see a sick man, does he say, "You old sinner! Why did you get sick?" No! He is sick, isn't he? Maybe he ought not to be sick, but he is, and is about to die. A Christian ought to go and get lost people. We have a Saviour; we know about Him. They do not. The Bible plan is that Christians are to go into every nation and preach the gospel and make disciples and compel people to come in.

These four got together and carried this man to Jesus. But I can imagine everybody laughed at them and asked, "Where are you going, boys?"

"We are taking this man to Jesus," they replied.

"Well, what good will that do him?"

"Jesus will heal him and he will come home carrying his own bed."

"Oh, we don't believe that!" the bystanders said.

"That is all right; you wait and see."

Those men's faith had legs. People write me and say, "Brother Rice, I want you to pray the prayer of faith for me." Faith is not just in praying. Faith is in doing something, too. Those men got together and carried this poor old fellow down to see Jesus.

### Many Christians Are in the Way of Sinners

I want you to notice the next thing about these people. We are talking about helping Jesus save a man. There were some who did help. What did they do? They went to hear the preaching. What did they do? They sat on the seats. What did they do? They made up part of the crowd. One of the sad things about a revival is that so many never win a soul. Do you know why we do not have revivals? We have so much insulation. So many people gather around the gospel that they shut

out the light from others.

We were having trouble with the furnace at Sword of the Lord Publishing Company. The tubes of the boiler were lined with soot and some of them filled up completely. The men had to take iron rods and dig them out. What little fire that got through could just barely heat up the soot. It could not heat the tubes and make the water boil. We could never get up any steam because there was so much between the fire and the water. And we have so many of you hangers-on, you seat-warmers, you church-going people; we have so much dead timber between the fire and the water that we cannot get up any steam.

It ought to be easy to get this man to Jesus. Yes, it would be if there were not so many people around. You say, "It seems as though that would make it easy." No, no; it makes it harder. If there were just ten Christians in Evansville, all good Christians, all on fire for God, we could have a greater revival than we can by having all this crowd that hangs around the mission. You say, "It is feeding time. There is a big preacher down there. It is cheaper than going to a show, too; let's go down and have a good time." What you need is more diet around here, a reducing diet. You need to have more greens instead of so much meat, spiritually speaking!

A crowd often keeps people from getting saved. That is what it did here. "And when they could not come nigh unto him for the press, they uncovered the roof." They could not get close to Jesus. They tried to come up on the front

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porch. They said, "We are sorry, gentlemen; this poor man is sick with the palsy. He is nearly gone. The doctors cannot do anything for him. We must get him to Jesus. Make way, please."

They said, "Leave us alone; we are trying to hear Jesus." They would not make room for them, so the men could not get him up on the front porch and through the front door!

This is not in the Scripture, but I imagine they said, "Let's get him in the back way, boys." But they found the kitchen so full of people that they could not get in the back door. There was no way at all to get this sick man to Jesus.

One of them may have said, "I do not care—we have carried him a long ways and I am going to get him in there anyhow." Listen! I wonder if you are keeping people from Jesus. How can you do that? By just sitting and enjoying the meeting. How can you do that? Just by going ahead and living your own life and saying, by implication, "To Hell with all the sinners." Are you keeping people from being saved?

### It Costs Something, Takes Extreme Measures to Get People Saved

I want you to notice the next point. Here is a wonderful thing: they broke up the roof for Jesus. Do you want to get somebody saved? You nearly have to have something busted to have a revival! Did you know that? In this case they went up on top of the roof and broke it up.

"Now look out boys, that is an expensive roof, made of tile. If it were just ordinary shingles it would be bad enough, or a tarpaper roof that is easy to patch; but it is expensive tile roofing and you are breaking up the tiles. Go easy there!" So a critical bystander might say.

"We are going to get this man to Jesus," they say. They are determined.

"Well, that is no way to get a man to Jesus," the critic says. "You are breaking up a public service. Jesus is preaching down there and you are disturbing all the saints with the noise. And those tiles, sliding off, may hit somebody on the head. You may cause some damages." There never was a revival without some criticism!

"But we must get this man to Jesus," they say.

"But what about that roof?"

And I suppose one of the men who helped to carry him said, "Break it up, boys; I will pay for it." Listen! If you ever made up your mind like that; if you ever made up your mind that you were willing to break up the roof for Jesus, you could get somebody saved.

It is a wonderful and revealing thing to follow through the Bible and find just how many things got busted up when people really began to mean business for God!

There was Elijah the prophet who said, "I wish I had another man to be an evangelist. I wish I had someone to go with me; I've just got to have some young fellow to go along and help me."

The Lord said, "I will give you one."

"I need somebody to train to be

an evangelist and prophet after I am gone."

The Lord said, "I will give you one." There is a fine young fellow by the name of Elisha, a young business man. Business is sure booming. He has a big plantation and has twelve yoke of oxen out there at one time breaking ground. He himself is a hard-working young fellow. He has the last team of oxen and is plowing right along. He is a good businessman. He will make lots of money in the world.

Then Elijah the prophet of God came by, took off his mantle and spread it over young Elisha. Elisha looked around and said, "Could I ever be a prophet of God? Could this man's mantle ever fall on me? If I could be a prophet I would give up this old plantation—I would not care at all." And so he said, "Hey, everybody; stop your plows, boys!"

"What is the matter?" they asked.

"I am quitting my farming business; I am going to be a preacher. Some of you take this plow, the ox yoke and other things around here."

"What are you going to do?"

"I am going to kill these two oxen and have a barbeque and invite all the kinfolks."

"What for?"

"I am saying good-by to farming, good-by to the plantation,

good-by to money-making! I must get somebody saved, and I want everybody to know it." So he quit his business and went with Elijah to wait on him and learn to be a prophet.

God is always breaking up things. If we are going to have a revival something must be broken. In this case a roof was broken up.

One time Jesus came along by the Sea of Galilee. He met Peter and Andrew his brother. They were good fishermen and were selling their fish up at Capernaum, Decapolis and all around the Sea of Galilee. They were making plenty of money. Jesus saw them and said, "Come, follow me."

They said, "All right. Let these ships and nets go. Let them go!"

Jesus said, "Don't worry. You will catch men and that is better than catching fish." And they laid their nets aside.

Then Jesus saw James and John. They were good fishermen. They worked with their father, Zebedee, and were making good money. Jesus said, "Follow me." They said, "Good-by, Dad. Good-by old ship and fish!" The Lord certainly broke up a nice and happy business there to make some preachers, didn't He? You are going to have to break up roofs if you get people saved.

The Lord came along one day and there was Levi. He was getting rich with a government job. They had a New Deal kind of government. Levi was sitting at the receipt of custom. Jesus came along, looked into his hungry eyes and said, "You are not satisfied

with all this money-making. This is not the biggest thing in the world. Would you like to ruin your career? Would you like to break up your roof? Come on then and be a poor, abused preacher. Come on and follow Me." Levi got up, left his table, left his business, resigned his job and went with Jesus. He turned out to be Matthew, the publican, one of the twelve disciples. He wrote the book of Matthew. If you are going to have a revival you are going to have to break up some roofs. Jesus broke up a lot of things.

One time He was over across the Sea of Galilee and there was a man over there who had a whole army of devils in him, a legion of devils. Many times they had bound him with chains. He could not be kept in an insane asylum. He would break the door down or knock the side of the wall out and get away. He could not be kept in jail. Chains could not be kept on him. He would break them. He had so many devils in him that he had super-human strength. Jesus came along and spoke to the devils. He said, "What is your name?"

The devils inside him said, "Our name is legion. We know who You are. You are the Holy One of God. Are You come to torment us before the time? We know that all of us fallen spirits and devils have got to be punished in Hell, but have You come to torment us before the time? Let us go into those hogs there."

There was a drove of two thou-

sand hogs, and Jesus said, "One man's soul is worth more than two thousand hogs. Get out of the man and go into the hogs." The devils went out of the man into the hogs, and those two thousand hogs committed homicide. They ran down a steep place into the sea and were drowned in the waters.

My, think of all the spareribs, ham, sausage, pickled pigs' feet, etc., that went to waste right there! The keepers said, "Say, we are out of a job! What will we do?" They said, "Jesus, we wish you would get out of our country; You are hurting business." Listen, any preacher who really cracks down on the liquor business will have that said about him. Any preacher who cracks down on the Moving picture theatres will be accused of hurting business.

### Souls Are Worth More Than Roofs

I was in a revival meeting at Sherman, Texas. One morning early I got on a train to go back to Fort Worth for a radio broadcast. A man came along and said, "Aren't you Brother Rice?"

"Yes."

"My name is Brown."

I said, "Where do you live?"

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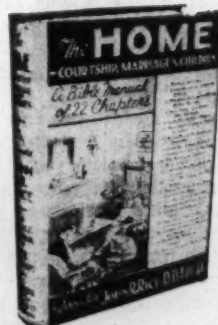
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## Helping Jesus Get a Man Saved

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courthouse lawn?"

"No," he said, "I haven't, but that is what I want to talk to you about."

"All right, what about it?"

"I think you owe me \$300," he said. (I had just started; I owed him a whole lot more than that before it was over!)

I said, "Why do I owe you money?"

"You nearly busted my business," he said. "I own the two shows in town, and you are ruining my business." I did not cry a bit. In fact, I did not even apologize! You are going to have to break up some picture show businesses or some hog businesses or break up something else if you have revival.

Those men said, 'Break up the roof and let the man down.' Listen! Nobody's roof is as important as keeping a poor soul out of Hell. Compared to a soul, nobody's business matters. So Jesus said, 'Let the hogs go, just so we save the man!' Wouldn't it be good if we got to the place where we thought that men were worth more than hogs? Wouldn't it be wonderful if everybody got the idea that men are more important than money, that men are worth more than houses, that men are worth more than friends? If you are going to have a revival, you are going to have to break some things.

"Gideon, do you want to serve the Lord?"

"Yes."

"Are you going to run out these Gideonites?"

"Yes."

"All right, then, kill an oxen; you are going to have to give up the oxen."

"Then what?"

"Cut down your grove and break down your idols."

"But I will lose my friends."

Yes, that is right. Any time you have a great revival, somebody has to lose friends, somebody has to hurt somebody else's feelings; somebody has to break up a roof. Has anybody here ever really broken up any roofs to get people saved? If you ever get to where you mean business, you can get people saved.

Just this week I had a letter from Dayton, Ohio. A woman wrote to say, "I came back to God in your meeting in Dayton. The Lord is with me every day. But how is my husband ever going to do without God? He never goes to church, so God has appointed me to be his preacher. I get the Bible and follow him from room to room and read the Bible to him. At first he got mad and it seemed that it did not do any good, but I believe the light is beginning to break. Now he stops and listens and asks questions." She is going after her husband, and she will get him.

Somebody says, "But it looks as if that would drive him away." Not if she has a broken heart. And if you really mean business you can win souls. If you are willing to lose your friends or lose your business, you can do it. I leave my wife and my children. I leave friends that are dear. I am a stranger, an offscouring of the earth. Everybody can slander evangelists, you know. Everybody can run them down. All of us evangelists are in the business for money—haven't you heard? Yes, we are a bunch of racketeers. I give up my reputation, my family, my comfort in order to win souls. And you are never going to be much of a soul winner until you get to breaking up roofs, breaking up businesses, losing some friends for Jesus and being a fanatic and a fool. Then you can get somebody saved. If you ever have a real revival, you are going to have to break up some roofs. These people broke up a roof.

Aren't you glad they got the man to Jesus? It cost something. It was rather fanatical. But you are going to have to be fanatical if you do anything for God. It will

not matter about a roof or a few tiles you will have to put back on if you really ever make up your mind to get somebody saved.

I was in revival services in Amarillo, Texas, years ago in a little Baptist church. A carpenter, a contractor, got converted. He was building two houses and had two big crews of men. We were having morning services at ten o'clock. Do you know what he did? He went around to these houses and said to all those carpenters, plumbers, and painters, "Boys, we are having a meeting down at the church." Then he said some good things about the preacher and said, "I want you to hear him. I will tell you what we will do. Nobody will work on my job here from ten to eleven o'clock. We are all going down to the church on my time."

One man said, "I do not care to go to church. I'll stay here and work."

"No," the converted man said, "nobody is going to work on my job while the preacher is down here in my church trying to have a revival. We are all going down there." So they came in their overalls, and some of them got converted. The man's son-in-law and several of his old tough carpenters got converted. You know, if you really break up a business or break up a roof or bust up a reputation—if you really go to breaking up things for Jesus—you can have a revival. So they broke up the roof and let the man down.

### Just Get Sinners to Jesus: He Does the Work

Next, I want you to get a picture of Jesus. I suppose He felt bad that they interrupted His sermon. No. No! I wish somebody would interrupt my sermon right now and beg to be saved, like that brother here in Evansville who came down that aisle one night and on around here, though we were hardly ready for the invitation; or like that big oil man in Oklahoma City who got up as I was about to close my sermon and said, "Preacher, I'm in torment. I've got to have some help!" It did not hurt my feelings a bit!

I said, "Come on around here." It does not hurt to break up a sermon.

And so Jesus looked up and saw their faith. Can you see Him looking up there? He saw five: the four who brought him, and the man on the pallet. I do not know how much faith the man on the pallet had. He was too sick to have much, I suppose. He had never seen Jesus before, but they had. Jesus did not see his faith, but He saw "their faith." He saw the faith of the men who brought him, the men who said, "We've got to get him to Jesus. If we get him to Jesus, He will heal him. Jesus loves sinners."

And He looked up and saw their faith. He said, "Well, I will have to heal him. Let him down." They let him down in front of Jesus and broke up the meeting.

Somebody says, "Wait, Jesus; what was that parable you were telling?"

Jesus says, "Never mind about (Continued on Page 8)"

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### Other Details

Dr. Clarke is an ordained Baptist preacher. After Billy Sunday's death he built a tabernacle first in Waterloo, Iowa, and then in Sioux City, Iowa, organized the Billy Sunday Memorial Tabernacle, and won hundreds of souls. He has held many revival meetings, and is in great demand for such work. But he feels, as I do, that it is of the utmost importance to establish again great city-wide union revival campaigns, and so he has felt led to God to unite with me in such campaigns. We have been together in Dayton, in Lima, in Marion, Ohio, and in Shenandoah, Iowa. I have asked him to continue as the song leader for my revival campaigns.

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We know, of course, about a sadness in Harry's life. Many years ago he was married to a beautiful woman. Let no blame be placed on either side, but happiness fled away and the marriage ended in separation and divorce. Years later Dr. Clarke married again, an earnest, fine Christian woman. God has given them two children, Harry and Patsy, aged about ten and eleven. They live at Girard's Fort, Pennsylvania.

Dr. Clarke feels that that divorce was a mistake. However, that former wife has been many years in Heaven. If the divorce

was wrong, as I feel it was, all that an honest good Christian man could do, in penitence and waiting on God, has been done. Since the former wife has long since passed on, there is nothing more that he can do, or ought to do, about the past mistake. He is married to a lovely Christian woman. They are very happy. God is blessing their home. Thank God for His blessing on this man of God who has been so greatly used in the past and is even now being tremendously used for God. I trust that all the readers of THE SWORD OF THE LORD

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# God Will Do Right!

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that God will do right. God does right!

I am glad to preach that. If I couldn't believe it, I would be out of the ministry. Oh, my soul, if when I open the Book and read the realities of sin and salvation and Hell and Heaven and eternity, I could not find the assurance that whatever He does will be right—I would go crazy! I could not stand it! I am an intense person. I either believe something or I do not believe it. If I were going to rob a bank, I would rob a big one! I would not play peanuts! I believe things. I would rather be wrong about some things, and yet have some convictions, than to be afraid to believe anything for fear I would go wrong. I am intense about this matter that I am going to preach to you about, and it is very close to my heart.

God will do right. Some people do not think He will. Some people do not think He does right. People do not think they can trust God. People still think God is going to put something over on them. But the God of this Bible will do right!

## God Does Not Want to Send People to Hell

Tonight I want to suggest, first of all, that the God of the Bible, the God of this Blessed Book, does not want to send anybody to an eternal Hell. If God has to send you to Hell, my brother, He does not want to. God does not want to send people to Hell.

I look in the pages of the Bible and read a blessed word: "God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved" (John 3:17). I open the Bible and read where God says He would have all men to be saved. I look in the Bible and read where God says to His prophets, "Go out there and tell them, As I live, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way, and live: turn ye, turn ye, from your evil ways; for why will ye die?" (Ezek. 33:11). I open the Bible and read, "The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness, but is long suffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance" (II Pet. 3:9).

Goes does not want to send any person to Hell. If Adolf Hitler is dead now, and in Hell now, God did not want to send him there. If Benito Mussolini is in Hell now, God did not want to send him to Hell. If that monster here in Chicago who dismembered the body of that little six-year-old girl dies and goes to Hell, he will go in spite of the fact that God does not want to send him to Hell. God does not want people to go to Hell. Thank God! He wants to save!

I could not feature a God who would take delight in seeing a man in Hell, could you? If you can prove to me that this Bible says God takes pleasure in seeing people burn forever in the flames of Hell, I will never preach another sermon. I tell you, God is going to do right. If you are going to Hell, He will send you there. He won't want to. He will do it because He has to. He will do it because He cannot rightly do anything else. But He will never do it because He wants to.

## People Go to Hell for Their Own Sins Only

I thank God for another thing: if you go to Hell, you will have to go there not to pay for my sins, not to pay for somebody else's sins, but to pay for your own sins. You do not have to pay for mine. As I go up and down this land I hear a lot about, "I would be a Christian if it were not for the hypocrites in the church." I never saw a hypocrite in my life. Did you? You may say, "Yes." But, if so, how do you know whether he is a hypocrite? You do not know, do you? The Lord can look at you and say you are a hypocrite, but I cannot. I do not know, but I am of the opinion that there are mighty few hypocrites in our churches. There

are a lot of deceived people; there are a lot of weak people, such as myself; but I do not know about the hypocrites. All up and down the country people tell me about the hypocrites in the church. And I remind you tonight that if God sends you to Hell, He will not send you to pay for their sins; you will have to pay for your own sins. That is the only way it could be fair and square, isn't it? If you go to Hell, brother, it will not be to pay for Dad's sins. It will not be to pay for Mother's sins. It will not be to pay for the preacher's sins. It will just be to pay for your sins.

You say, "Brother preacher, do you have any Scripture for that?" Ezekiel 18:4 says, "The soul that sinneth, it shall die." God is not going to punish you for my sins. God is not going to punish your next-door neighbor for your sins. God is not going to send you to Hell to pay for the other fellow's sins. If you go to Hell, you will go there to pay for your sins. That is fair and square and it could not be any other way. Do you mean to tell me that I would have to go to Hell because of some sin of my dad's? Not at all! Do you mean to tell me I would have to go to Hell because of some sin of somebody else's? Not at all! If you wind up in Hell, if God shuts the door of Heaven and sends you to Hell, remember this: He will send you to Hell to punish you for your sins, not the sins of somebody else. God is going to do right!

## Nobody Goes to Hell Whom God Can Rightly Keep Out

In the third place, (and this is kind of shouting ground for me!) you are not going to go to Hell if God can keep you out. You know, I believe in Hell. Many do not know whether there is fire in Hell. Maybe you do. The Bible says, "Fire, fire, fire, fire."

You say, "Well, maybe that is symbolic." I do not know. But I do know this: if language means anything, if the Bible is not a maze of mysteries that nobody is expected to understand, if in the Word God is revealing His will and not concealing it, then I know there is a place called Hell where men will pay for their sins. I thank God that there is nobody down there now whom God did not try to keep out. And I thank God that nobody will ever hear me preach and then go on to Hell, whom God does not try to keep out. Thank God, nobody will go to Hell whom God can keep out! And God Almighty has done everything that He can do. He cannot do any more to keep people out of Hell. He just cannot do it.

Now, this Hell business is serious to me. I do not know much about it; I am not much of a scholar. But the Bible teaches the awful reality of Hell. I believe it; not because I want to, but because I have to. It is in the Bible. I have to take it. And brother, I would go crazy if I couldn't come to this Book and see on its pages, from the beginning, the record, the plan and the elements of the truth, that God has done everything He can do to keep everybody from going to Hell. There is nobody in Hell because he had to go. Not one! Nobody is in Hell because he had to go. Old Cain did not go to Hell because he had to go. No man ever will go to Hell because he has to go. He will go to Hell in spite of the fact that God has done everything He can to keep sinners out of Hell.

Theoretically, there are just two possible ways a man can keep out of Hell. One is to deserve to keep-out of Hell. The other is to have somebody else make it possible for him to keep out of Hell. In order to deserve not to go to Hell, a man would have to be perfect. A man would have to keep the whole law of God and keep it wholly. He would have to love God with all his heart, with all his soul, with all his mind, with all his spirit, and love his neighbor as himself. That leaves us out. Nobody has ever kept God's whole law, and nobody ever will, except Jesus Christ. So we might as well not waste our time talking

about that way.

God Almighty planned a way to save everybody. Reverently I saw it: back yonder, before the foundation of the world, God was sitting up in Glory one day. He said, "Now, there is Rolfe Barnard. He will be born down in Alabama in the year so-and-so. He will be born of a sinful father. He will have a sinful nature. Then he will get out and deliberately choose to do wrong. He will go back to sin instead of righteousness, and he will have three strikes on him before he gets started. It will be an out, and no chance to come to bat again. I do not want Rolfe Barnard to die and go to Hell. I will have to fix a way to keep Rolfe Barnard out of Hell." Then He said, "If I could fix it up for him, I could fix it up for everybody." And He found a way. That way was Jesus' dying for my sins and for yours.

Why did Jesus die? Jesus died to pay for sin. He never would have died except to pay for sin. Nobody ever has died except to pay for sin. And Jesus either died to pay for His own sin—do you believe that? not me!—or He died to pay for mine. And I believe that! Because I believe that, I am saved. Because I believe that, I am not going to die and go to Hell. Because I believe that, I will spend eternity in Glory with Him. That is the way He saves sinners. He had to find a way to save me, and brother, it worked for me. It will work for you, and it will work with everybody else. Listen: God found a way to fix it so everybody could get saved, so nobody need go to hell. He fixed it up by giving His Son to die. If you go to Hell, it will be in spite of the fact that God is going to keep you out if He can.

## The Torment in Hell Will Be Exactly as Deserved

The fourth thing I mention tonight is this: God is going to do right, beloved, and if you die and go to Hell, God is going to treat you right down there in Hell. No two Christians will get the same reward. Some of you folks are going to have to wash dishes in Glory, sure as you draw! If you think you can live like the average Christian lives today and get by with it, you are wrong, dear friend. You are! You are going to miss out when the rewards are given. And no two sinners in Hell will receive the same degree of punishment. Bless your dear heart, God is not going to punish you in Hell one bit more than you deserve, and He is not going to punish you one bit less than you deserve.

Now, if I believed in the Hell some preachers preach, I would quit the ministry. If I believed that there was a place called Hell that was full of fire, and of indiscriminate measure where people died and were sent to Hell and suffered just the same degree of punishment—a little child, a hardened criminal, or a heathen who never heard of Jesus and a man reared in the atmosphere of this church—why I could not worship a God who would be like this! I am telling you, if God punishes people alike in eternity, He is not a good God, much less a just God. If He did that He would be a monster. The city of Chicago would not put up with a bunch of judges five minutes who gave a chicken thief the same punishment they gave a murderer of an innocent woman. Even our own law forces recognizes the difference in the degree of crime and guilt and the sentences of punishment. And in the Word of God I am glad to find that God is going to do right. If you die and go to Hell, you will be punished in proportion to what you deserve.

## Hell's Punishment in Proportion to Opportunity

God will have two things to guide Him in regard to how hot your portion of Hell will be. First, you will be punished in Hell proportion to your opportunity and the light you had from God while you were here on the earth. Jesus illustrated it in preaching to the city of Capernaum, that beautiful city, that moral city, that religious city that would not repent at His preaching. He said it would be more tolerable for the people of

Sodom, when they were raised up out of Hell and brought to stand before Him at the judgment, than for those people. "They will get off lighter," Jesus said, "than you will. For if they had heard what you have heard, they would have repented." Yes, sir! Sodom! Why, God rained down fire and brimstone, and destroyed everybody there; and yet they never heard a gospel sermon, never had a chance to attend a revival, never heard a father or mother pray. So Jesus said about Capernaum. "It is not going to be the same as the folks who died in Sodom; they are not going to have it as hot in Hell as the folks who heard Jesus preach and would not turn to Him."

In Little Italy of New York City some mothers and fathers give their children a whipping if they come home at night and have not stolen something. I am told. No wonder they have murders and robberies and hold-ups there; those boys have been reared that way. They go to church every Sunday morning and tell the priest about their sins. He forgives them, so he says, and they go right back to the same kind of life. When they get a little bigger, grow up a little, they carry a gun; and pretty soon they have killed somebody. The next thing you know they are to be electrocuted. Do you mean to tell me that a fellow brought up in that kind of atmosphere will have as hard a time of it in Hell as a boy or girl reared in Sunday school and in a God-fearing home, and who, in spite of all that, goes on in his unbelief and comes to stand in judgment before Almighty God? Not at all; not at all!

Oh, my friend, hear me now! I would like to preach two hours right here but I have to quit. Listen to me now! God pity you if you have ever heard the gospel one time and still go to Hell. People will rise up at the judgment by the millions and say, "We never heard the gospel as you did; why are you here?" You will be punished in Hell, if you go there, according to the light you had from God down here.

## Punished According to the Number of Your Sins

In the second place, you will be punished according to the number of your sins. The record is this: the way God does it is this: "every transgression and disobedience receives a just recompense of reward" (Heb. 2:2). If you go to Hell, you are going to pay for every time you took God's name in vain. If you go to Hell, you are going to have to pay for every time you committed adultery or

fornication. If you go to Hell, you are going to pay for every sin,—every sin of the heart, every sin of the mind, every sin of desire, every sin of act. You will go to Hell to pay for every last sin you ever committed! You are going to pay for every sin you have committed, if you go to Hell. That is right, every one of them! Bless your heart, it would be a whole lot better for a child to die and go on to Glory, than to be reared in the average home and die and go to Hell and have to pay for every sin he had committed. Wouldn't it be better for a little boy or girl ten or eleven years old to die and go to Hell, than for that boy or girl to live sixty years and die and go to Hell? If he died when he was twelve years old he would have to pay for the sins he had committed over, maybe, a few years; but if he lived to be sixty years old and went out without God, he would have to pay in full for the sins of sixty years.

## Punished According to Light Given

I pass to this other word, and I must stop. If you go to Hell, young man, you will be punished there according to the light you had from God. If you go to Hell, God is going to do right. He will just punish you for your sins, every one of them. Every one of them! And if you go to Hell, He will punish you not only for the sins you committed while you lived on this earth, but He will also punish you for the sins you commit after you die. Do you know what the last word the Son of God is ever going to say to lost sinners is? The Son of God shall say, "Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels" (Matt. 25:41).

## People Keep on Sinning in Hell

But that is not the last word. The Bible says that the angels of Jesus shall snatch people and cast them into the furnace of fire, and I read where they are cast into the lake of fire; but that is not the last thing He says. I read in the Bible, after the judgment is over, after the last sinner has been judged, after the books have been examined, after all the evidence is in, and after the last poor wailing, screaming, pleading, lost sinner is cast away from the presence of Jesus Christ and cast down into the lake that burneth with fire and brimstone—after that I read that Jesus stands on the brink of Hell, if you please, and puts His hands to His mouth and cries down this last message to those people in Hell, "He that is unjust, let him be unjust still!" (Continued on Page 6)

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## Bob Jones Says—



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"More than eight thousand peace treaties have been signed in 3,434 years of recorded history, yet there have been only 268 years of peace." This statement appeared in the newspaper recently. The writer, of course, has not checked to see if the statement is accurate. He, however, takes it for granted that it is true. What a commentary this is on human nature! The human race must be a fallen race. There seems to be plenty of proof that the Bible doctrine of human depravity is true. A careful study of literature and history will convince any reasonable man that there is something wrong with mankind. The Bible says all have sinned. It also tells us that men are born in sin. There is no peace for the wicked, and man in his natural state is wicked. We are naturally rebellious against God and order and law. We are naturally destructive, not constructive. That is the reason it is necessary for man to be born again. It takes a new birth to make man right. It is easy enough to talk about turning a new leaf and starting on a clean page. But man who soiled all the pages of all the yesterdays, unless he gets right with God, will soil

all the pages of all the tomorrows.

"We should not tell people that there will not be any more war. We certainly should not take war for granted when we look toward the future," a very worldly-wise man said to the writer recently. Here is the writer's reply. The Bible is a forward-looking book. It, of course, is a book of history. It tells the story of the fall of man, of the rise and fall of empires. It deals with the past, and, of course, this Book has to do with the present. But Jesus, as well as all the prophets of the Bible, points to the future. Jesus said, "When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, you may know that this is the beginning of sorrows." All the wars of the past are simply little premonitory symptoms of the great, terrible agony which will come at the close of this age. To talk about the language being figurative does not change the facts. In the Bible figurative language is just as true as literal language; truth just dresses up a little different when it clothes itself in figures. But it is still truth. Until the end of this age there are to be wars and rumors

of wars, just as there are to be earthquakes in divers places. According to students of prophecy the greatest war of all time will come when Jesus Christ comes back to Jerusalem to take over the throne of His father David and reign as King of kings and Lord of lords. The age is to close out in war. Then there is to be peace for a thousand years. At the end of the thousand years the devil is to be loosed for a final testing of man and war breaks out again. Then later there is to be a new heaven and a new earth wherein dwelleth righteousness.

"Do you think a preacher should paint dark pictures of the future?" someone inquires. A preacher should tell the people what God tells about the future, not what the Federal Council of Churches says, not what some educational expert says. It is not bad to look to a dark future if one can see through the darkness to a golden day, which is coming. But just before the light of this day there is to be a dark period. People should know this. Preachers and teachers should quit deceiving people with false promises about what is going to happen. After the first World War which leaders said was a war to end war, we sank our ships and stored our arms. We were not ready for World War II. It is the writer's opinion and hope that we may have now a period of peace. It will not be a period of perfect peace, for we are having war now in parts of the world. But we may have a temporary world peace. God may be giving His people a wonderful opportunity to get the story of His saving grace to a world in sin and sorrow. But remember, there is war coming some day. There is not a Christian nation on earth. America, England and other nations have Christians in their countries, but there is not a nation on earth where the majority of the people are born-again Christians. And remember, according to the Bible, no man is a Christian unless he has been born again. Men may be religious without the new birth but they cannot be Christians without the new birth. What we need is to get back to the Bible and not be deceived. We should not lead men astray by giving them false hopes of peace and security. God's true prophet never cries peace when there is no peace. And remember, there is no peace for the wicked and this world is a wicked world.

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## God Will Do Right!

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(Rev. 22:11). That is the last message they ever hear from Jesus. "Keep on sinning," says Jesus to the people of Hell. The fellow who is an adulterer and who dies and goes to Hell will keep on being an adulterer throughout eternity. The man who dies with a wicked mouth will have a wicked mouth throughout the ages. After men and women, boys and girls have lived in Hell for fifty million years, they will still be sinners. And as long as people sin, God will punish them for their sins.

Imagine the pure young lady going from your church, pure as the driven snow, and yet not a Christian. She goes to Hell and there associates for a thousand years with whoremongers and adulterers and sorcerers and liars and unbelievers. There is nobody to pray. There is nobody to say a word about our Lord Jesus. There is nobody to sympathize. It will not be long until that young lady is cursing and raving with the rest of them. She will have a nature that has never been changed by the power of God; and when she is turned loose with a bunch of thugs like there will be in Hell, she will add to her sin a thousand fold. Even people who live pure lives before they go to Hell will have to be punished by Almighty God throughout eternity for the sins they commit after they die and go to Hell. Oh, my friends, listen to me now. God is going to do right. And the only chance on earth for any person to escape sinning throughout the long reaches of eternity is to come to God and receive a new nature, created after His image, so that in the other world God can say to him, "He that is righteous, let him be righteous still." You can take your choice.

### God Does Not Want You to Go to Hell

Now this last word. I have said four things in support of the proposition that God will do right. Listen. God does not want you to go to Hell. God is going to do right. If you go to Hell, it will be to pay for your sin. God is

going to do right. If you go to Hell, it will be in spite of the fact that God has done everything He can do to keep you out of Hell. If you could walk to this platform tonight and tell me how God could have done any more than give His Son to pay for your sins—but you cannot do it. God could not do any more. If you go to Hell in spite of that, you will just have to go. God cannot keep you out, if that will not reach you. If you go to Hell, God will treat you right in Hell. I tell you, God will not punish you for somebody else's sin. I tell you, He will not punish you for not living up to the light that you never had. I tell you, He will not punish you for sins you never committed. He will just punish you for sins you committed, and He will punish you for the sins you commit throughout eternity.

My last word is this. God is going to do right. And every sinner who depends on Jesus Christ's dying for his sins is not going to go to Hell, not a one! Nobody who depends on the precious shed blood of the Son of God will go to Hell.

A woman down in Alabama met me on the street and said, "I've been listening to you on the radio, and I wish you would change your subject. You talk so bad about my heavenly Father."

I said, "What do I say about Him that is so bad?"

"Oh," she said, "You talk about our dear heavenly Father sending His children to Hell."

I said, "I don't do it. I don't do it!" God never sends one of His children to Hell. No! No! If every human being in Chicago tonight is a child of God, not a single one of them will land in Hell. No child of God will go to Hell. The only people in this building who are children of God are people who have been made the children of God by faith in Jesus Christ hanging on a Roman tree to pay for their sins. But, thank God, I can go up and down America telling people everywhere that the last one of them who in his heart shall depend on Jesus Christ, will be saved. He will save every one of them!

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# THAT INFANT BAPTISM ARTICLE!

By the Editor

A month or two ago we published in *The Sword of the Lord* an article by Dr. William Pettingill, "The Evils of Infant Baptism." We have received a good many letters about the article. Of course, some of these letters were from earnest Christians who believe in infant baptism. We love and respect every one of them. However, I believe my answer to a beloved Lutheran pastor will do good and I am glad to publish it here.

"February 24, 1947.

"Dear Brother D—:

"I am grateful for your letter of February 7, and for its brotherly frankness and Christian attitude. You certainly were right to write me, and I should be grieved if you did not take me into your heart on any matter where you questioned whether I had made a mistake.

"Concerning Dr. Pettingill's article, first let me say that I feel sure his great concern is that so many people who were baptized as infants seem to grow up without ever learning to put personal faith in Jesus Christ. In literally thousands of cases I have met through the years, it seemed to me that people trusted in the baptism they got as infants, and that they never themselves personally accepted Christ for salvation. Hundreds and hundreds of times people have indicated to me that they had no idea of the new birth, and that they did not know Christ as their personal Saviour. I do not say that all who have had infant baptism are misled by it, but I have very strong evidence that many have leaned on the rite and have never themselves come to know and trust Jesus Christ. And I think it is tragedy unspeakable for anybody to depend upon the church, to depend upon baptism, to depend upon the confirmation rite, or any other outward form or ceremony, instead of depending on the blood of Jesus Christ, who died for our sins, and receiving Him as one's own personal saviour.

"I know that that is my own fear about infant baptism. My own father was sprinkled as an infant and he grew up in a godly home. But he was never converted until he was thirty years old, a whiskey-drinking, cursing man who was depending on the church for his salvation, and on the rites which made him a member of the church officially, though he was not a member of the body of Christ. In my father's case, he was definitely sure that the bap-

tism was a snare to him, and he came to feel that the only safe way was baptism of people who have put their trust in Christ and depend upon Him.

So, whether I am right or wrong, my intention in the matter is evangelistic. And I published the article in *The Sword of the Lord* with a deep concern that people everywhere would see the necessity for personal regeneration, a personal turning to Christ for mercy and forgiveness.

"I do not say that your dear little five-year-old girl has not personally turned her heart to Jesus and trusted Him. My own girls were saved, some of them before they were five years old, and others while they were five. None of them waited as long as their sixth birthday to put their trust in Christ. So I believe that little children can trust the Lord Jesus and know Him as their Saviour, if they are taught to know Him. But I do not believe that baptism makes one a Christian, whether a child or an adult. I believe that the Bible teaches one needs personally to repent and trust Jesus Christ. I have the impression that you believe the same thing, though an inherited practice and doctrine are naturally very dear to your heart, and though you have not, perhaps, analyzed the full implication nor been conscious, perhaps, of any conflict between your practice and your convictions.

"I am very much grieved that anything in *The Sword of the Lord* should hurt any child of God, and particularly a useful and good man, and a beloved friend, like yourself. And I would have you believe me when I say that my deepest concern in this world is that poor undone sinners will look to nothing in the world for salvation but Jesus Christ and His blood. Oh, the tragedy of people being religious, and church members, and moral, but not being converted, born again! And my burden is so great in this matter that I believe you will, with sympathetic love, see my viewpoint and not think evil of me, if we do not agree on the minor matter of infant baptism. If you were in great union campaigns as I am, reaching people of all faiths and of no faith, and dealing with them personally, you would find, and I am sure you would be astonished to find, an enormous number of people who have the form of godliness but deny the power thereof;

who have a name that they live, but are dead; who have had the rite of the church, but not the transforming of the Holy Spirit in their lives. And thousands of these people I meet are church members. Oh, if I let anyone depend on the fact that he was baptized in infancy, and so let him feel no need for turning in penitence and faith to Christ, how guilty I should feel before the Saviour!

"I know that my Methodist grandfather, a Captain in the Confederate Army, a devout Methodist, thought to honor God when he had my father sprinkled in infancy. But my father thought it turned out for him to be a curse. My contact with many others indicates that it may be a curse.

"Do not misunderstand me. I certainly think we should bring our children to Christ and ask Him to bless them. Every last one of mine I gave to God the day she was born, and pleaded with the Lord to take them and bless them and use them. And I think He has. I solemnly vowed that I would rear them for Him, and I have tried to do so. I promised I would certainly seek to win them to Christ, and He has helped me to keep that vow. I am not against dedicating children to Christ. But I say that if a rite that has nothing to do with repentance or faith on the part of the child is depended on for salvation, then it is still true that he that believeth not the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abideth on him' (John 3:36).

"Would you like to know my deep and earnest convictions about baptism and what the Bible teaches on the matter? I would be so glad to send you my pamphlet of several chapters, sixty-four pages, on Bible Baptism. I think you would find it intensely interesting. But I will not send it unless you specially want it because I do not seek any controversy. But I want to be a brother beloved and I want to be a help any way I can.

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## WITH THE Evangelists

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high school children. There were some outstanding conversions, one being the Sunday School superintendent. This man had been a church member for years but had never been born again. Some of the men quit their tobacco, one man laid his cigarettes on the altar as he knelt in prayer. We praise God that revivals will come when Christians start cleaning house and praying for the power of His Spirit.

"We will start a two-week meeting at Disko, Indiana, next Sunday. From there we go to Peoria, Columbus, Ohio, and then to Athens, Ohio...."

Evangelist F. A. Wirth may be addressed at Petersburg, Illinois.

Evangelist Carlyle Scott

Evangelist Carlyle Scott has many, many invitations all the time. Thank God for his blessed ministry! We are glad to have the following report: "The meeting at Bisbee, Arizona, in the third largest Baptist church in the state, yielded sixty-two professions. Older members say it is the greatest revival in the history of the church. Mid-week prayer service has increased over one hundred per cent, Christians began to tithe, etc."

Evangelist Carlyle Scott may be addressed at 713 Whiteclark avenue, Crawfordsville, Indiana.

Evangelist Joseph Brookshire  
A Methodist evangelist, Joseph

Brookshire, reports a blessed campaign in the First Methodist Church of Medford, Oregon. He says, "There were 158 definite decisions at the altar of the church. Several dozen pledged to begin family altars in their homes."

Evangelist Clifford Lewis

Rev. Clifford Lewis writes: "In June I am to be in a large tent in Kansas City with the Business Men's Committee and a number of churches. In March I go to a U. B. Church in Anderson, Indiana, where Brother Jesse Hendley held a meeting some months ago. This is two and one-half weeks just before Easter. Several churches will be helping in this campaign."

Evangelist James V. Lamb

Evangelist James V. Lamb of 5840 Lillian Avenue, St. Louis 20, Missouri, who has been in the evangelistic field only since last September, writes:

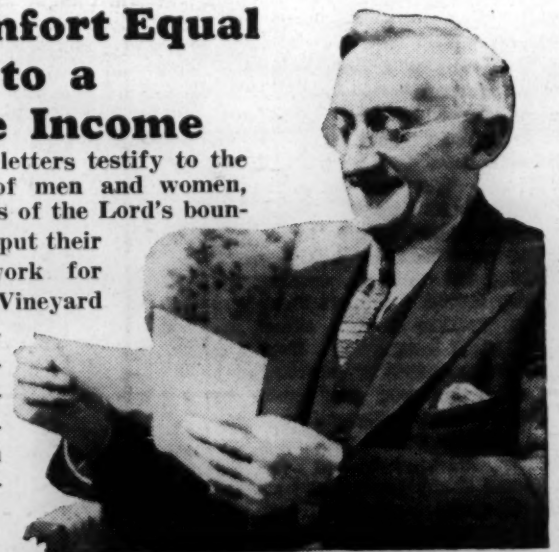
"We just closed at the Bethel Baptist Church here in St. Louis with thirty-seven additions to the church, with thirty-two of these first time professions of faith. Praise God!"

Dr. Robert J. Wells

Evangelist Robert J. Wells, associate editor of *The Sword of the Lord*, closed a blessed revival campaign at the First Brethren Church, Dayton, Ohio, on Saturday night, February 22. Many were saved and a further report will be given by the pastor, we trust. Dr. Wells then began a union campaign in New Castle, Pennsylvania, on Sunday, February 23, with a number of churches cooperating. Services are held in the First Methodist Church building.

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## Helping Jesus Get a Man Saved

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the parable. I want to get this man saved. I do not know just what He said, but it was something like that. They let the man down on the pallet, Jesus saw their faith, looked down and said to the man sick with the palsy, "Son, thy sins be forgiven thee."

### Christians Must Have Faith Before Sinners Do

You say, "Sinners can't have any faith." Sinners are not supposed to have much faith. You Christians are the ones who must have faith. If you have faith, the sinners will have some. Sometimes people say, "Well, you can't even get sinners concerned." You do not have their mothers and the dads concerned or you would get them concerned. You do not have their wives and sisters concerned or you would get sinners concerned. "Well," you say, "we need more old-time conviction on the part of sinners." Yes, and if you get it on the part of Christians, you are going to get it on the part of sinners, too. Any time you get some Christians so they cannot sleep at night because of concern for souls, you are going to have some sinners convicted. Oh, if I could just see the time when we have broken hearts, then I could preach. I am not much of a preacher, but if I could ever get a group of Christians who could not sleep at night because of a burden for souls, I could reach sinners then, I believe. What I am saying to you is that if Christian people ever get a burden, if Christian people ever get concerned, sinners will be saved.

"Jesus saw their faith." Never mind, the sick fellow will have plenty of faith if that gang has that much. He must have said, 'Boys, there is bound to be something in it if you are that much interested.' If you ever get four to one after sinners, if you ever get four people weeping over one sinner like you ought, you are going to get a sinner. There is somebody right now for whom you are to blame. You have an old cold heart; you have never been excited about it. You have never been concerned about it. So you are to blame.

A woman in a revival meeting testified: "I have been praying for my husband for thirty years. He is not saved yet, but I hope he will be some time."

I said, "You had better get in earnest about it or your husband is going to Hell!" Imagine a woman's living with a man thirty years, bearing his children, cooking his meals, washing his clothes, and never getting excited about his soul! God have pity! How can you sleep at night when your loved ones are unsaved and going to Hell? How can you call yourself a Christian when you have no burden, no concern, no anxiety? I should think you would be frantic about it. I should think you could not sleep. I should think you would not eat. I should think you would fast and pray until God got hold of your loved ones. Some of you old seat-warmers, you church-goers have loved one unsaved. You have never shed a tear for them. God have pity on you!

How many of you have some unsaved loved ones? (Many raise hands). Dr. Reveal, if this crowd here gets concerned, we will have people saved around here. A revival will start if this crowd here means business. You can have some of them here and saved tonight. You had better get busy. Let us break up some roofs!

Jesus saw their faith. Don't you blame sinners when nobody gets saved. The blame is on the church people who have no faith. What kind of faith? The kind that goes after sinners, the kind that carries

them, the kind that gets them here.

### The Soul Comes Before the Body

Notice the next thing; Jesus forgave the man. You thought all the time it was healing he wanted. You thought it was his palsy that he was anxious about. No! He got the healing all right, but that was not first. It was not first with Jesus and it was not first with that man. It was not first with the four. Jesus looked around and said, 'I know what these men want. I know what this sinner wants. Son, thy sins [that is the big issue in anybody's heart] thy sins be forgiven thee.' He was saying, 'I will see to your healing, but I do not want anyone to misunderstand. The soul is first. Forgiveness is first.' Some write to me all the time wanting me to pray for their body. They ought to say, 'Lord, revive my soul. Lord, fill me with the Holy Ghost.' A lot of you are concerned about an earache, but you are not concerned about your poor old barren life. You never win a soul. If you talk to anybody, they have no confidence in you. You do not know the power of God in your life and yet you are not burdened about that. You had better be writing to somebody, asking them to pray about that. You had better be writing and asking somebody to pray with you about the power of

the Holy Ghost on you so you can win your loved ones. That is the main thing. Jesus said, 'Your soul is first; thy sins be forgiven thee.'

### Just Get Them to Jesus!

Those four men did not have to change the man. You say, "I just can't do it." You do not have to. All you have to do is to bring them to Jesus. All you can do is get them to Jesus. Jesus will see your faith and do the rest. It seems awfully easy, doesn't it? They got the fellow on the cot and carried him down the street while everybody poked out their tongues and laughed at them. They tried to get him through the crowd but the people would not make room. They tried to get him in the back door but could not. Then they climbed up on top of the house and broke up the roof. They made a spectacle and it cost maybe a hundred dollars, but they got him to Jesus. Then Jesus did all the fixing. That is the wonderful thing about preaching. Oh, praise the Lord, it is not eloquence in the pulpit! I am not eloquent. Thank God it is not wisdom and culture. No, I thank God that what it takes is just to get people to Jesus, to get them to honestly face Jesus. Then the Lord Jesus does everything.

Years ago an Irishman came to America. He wrote back to Ireland saying, "I get \$3.00 a day and all I do is carry the brick and mortar up to the third story of the building and there is a man up there who does all the work!" He was probably doing his share, but the best part about preaching is that all we have to do is to get them to Jesus. Philip went and

got Nathanael and Nathanael said, 'Where can you show me in the Bible that anything good comes out of Galilee.'

Philip said, 'Come and see. Come to Jesus. I can't answer your questions.' He brought him to Jesus, and Jesus fixed the whole business. You get people to Jesus. He will fix things. He forgave.

### Great Revivals Will Bring Outward Signs, Too

Here is the last thing, a wonderful thing: I want to see great revivals. I hope you will not misunderstand me. I want to see revivals with the supernatural, miraculous demonstration of God. I want to see people miraculously healed in body. I want to see some people struck dead again. I have seen some of it. If we ever have the spiritual revival we ought, God will glorify Himself with outward signs. That is not first, but that will come along in its own way if God's people bring the power.

The man got saved, and Jesus said, 'Now you gainsayers, you Pharisees, you infidels—you do not believe the man has been forgiven? All right, I will prove it. Son, get up, take up your bed, roll up your mattress, tie your rope around it, put it on your shoulder and walk out through this crowd. Go home and tell your wife and children. Show them whether or not there is a God. Show them whether or not God answers prayer.'

I am for getting people saved. That is first. That is most important. But if you ever really get the power of God, He is going to show lots of things. He is going to stop the mouths of the ungodly.

God is going to manifest His glory. Let us set out to have the power of God. How many of you now are thinking of something you want to see happen, of somebody you want saved, wonderfully saved in these eight days? (Hands are raised.) All right, let us ask God about it now.

PRAYER: Heavenly Father, I know I am weak. Dr. Clarke is only a man. You have used wonderfully Dr. Reveal and Mama Reveal, but they are only human beings. O Lord, we need Your power! We can be faithful, Lord. We can noise it abroad. We can carry some palsied people to You. Lord, help us to do it. O Lord, send these people—these people who come just to sit on a seat and never lift a finger to get a sinner saved—send them out to noise it abroad that Jesus is here. Bring the crowds in. Don't let people think, that You used to be at the mission, but are not now. Don't let anybody say, 'They used to have people converted down there.' Don't let them say, 'Well, when Brother Reveal was young they had a lot of people saved, but they do not now.' God, You are not dead, You are not old, You are not worn. Let us get the crowds and have the power. Bless us, Lord. In Jesus' name we ask it. Amen.

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